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Mr. Bileski's ad has been moved to the centre spread
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There are many other items of a philatelic nature that have accumulated in the last twenty years of collecting Canadian philatelic items, such as stamp duplicates, covers, etc.; also a few USA and BC items, but very little foreign. Perhaps there is something available you could use.

No duplicates in Officials and very few in pl. blks.

A. L. McCREADY, Publisher,

Cobden, Ont., Canada.



SUPPLEMENT TO POPULAR STAMPS, JUNE, 1957

Popular Stamps for June was all printed and going through bindery when the following was received from the P.O.D. We therefore held the issue up while we prepared this insert to bring you this information.

COMMEMORATIVE POSTAGE STAMP ISSUE

The Postmaster General has announced the details of two new design postage stamps that will be issued on the 14th August to commemorate the 14th Congress of the Universal Postal Union.

The Universal Postal Union, with headquarters at Berne, Switzerland, was organized in 1874, binding all the countries of the world into a single postal territory for the reciprocal exchange of mail. Delegates from the member nations meet approximately every five years to decide upon policy and administrative matters respecting the movement of international mail. Canada's membership in the Union dates from 1878.

14th Congress of the Universal Postal Union is to be held in Ottawa beginning August 14, 1957, the first time it has ever been held in Canada. Indeed, this will be only the second held on the North American Continent, the first having been held in Washington, U.S.A., in 1897.

The two postage stamps to be issued to commemorate the holding of this Congress in Canada will be a small size 5-cent stamp and a large size 15c stamp. Both stamps will illustrate, among other elements, the "Postal Horn". This device has been recognized throughout the world as a symbol of the universality of the interchange of mail. Both stamps will be printed in a dark shade of blue. The stamps were designed by Carl Mangold, Montreal, and are being engraved and printed by the Canadian Bank Note Company, Limited, Ottawa.

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4	2½p	.20	.13	53A	4c	.06	.04
5	4p	.30	—	54	6c	.06	.05
6	6p	.50	—	55	8c	.07	.07
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7a	1sh em.	.60	—	57	24c	.20	.12
8	1914 4p	.70	—	58	60c	.50	.32
9	1sh	.60	—	59	1940 \$1.20	.95	.65
10	5sh	4.25	—	60	\$4.80	3.80	2.25
13	1921 1p	.09	.07	61	1941 5c	.05	.03
14	1p	—	.07	62	1946 3c Peace	.04	.08
15	2p	.26	.25	63	6c Peace	.07	.10
16	2½p	.24	—	64	1948 3c S. Wed.	.09	.11
21	1922 ½p	.06	.04	65	\$4.80 S.W.	5.00	—
22	1p	.08	.04	66-9	1949 U.P.U. Cpl.	.70	—
23	1½p	.13	.09	70-1	1951 U.C.	.25	.25
24	2p	.15	.15	83	1953 \$4.80	\$3.25	—
25	3p	.20	.17	84	1953 3c Coro.	.06	—
26	4p	.45	.40	B2	1915 1p	.17	—
27	6p	1.60	1.00	B3	1916 1p	.07	—
28	6p	.95	.60	J5	1945 5p	.50	—
29	1sh	1.00	.90	J7	8p	.90	—
30	5sh	5.25	—	J5-8	Set (4)	7.50	—
32	4p	.21	—	J9	1948 2c	.03	—
34	1935 1c	.05	.05	J11	6c	.07	—
35	2c	.10	.09	J14	12c	.12	—
36	3c	.08	.07	MR1	1917 1p	.08	.12
37	6c	.15	.12	MR2	½p	.05	.07
38	8c	.18	.15	MR3	1p	.08	.10
39	12c	.25	.21	MR4	½p	.10	.15
40	24c	.50	.35	MR5	1p	.06	.08
41	48c	1.00	—	MR6	½p	.05	.07
42	72c	2.00	—	MR7	1p	.06	.08
34-42	Complete	4.00	—	MR8	½p	.06	.08
43	1935 2c	.08	.07	MR9	1p scarce	3.50	3.50
44	3c	.10	.10	MR10	1p	.06	.08
43-6	Complete	1.15	1.40	MR11	1p	.06	.08
47-9	1937 Coron.	.30	.35	MR12	½p	.05	.07
50	1938 1c	.03	.03	MR13	1p	.05	.06
51	2c	.04	.03				

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VACATION TIME

Next Issue of P.S. in September

In accordance with our practice of some years past there will be no issue of Popular Stamps for July or August owing to the holiday season when so many go away for vacation. This gives us all a rest and by the time September rolls around again will find us with an urge to get back to stamps in earnest. Not that we ever forget stamps and don't keep our eyes open at all seasons for items we may want, but warm weather does offer counter attractions which it is well to give way to at times. Next issue of P.S. will be in September. Thus, when you do not get P.S. in July or August there's no need to write in that you didn't as your answer is in this notice. None is printed in those months.

Have a good holiday and vacation.

MONTREAL SOCIETY OFFICERS

At the annual meeting of the Union Philatelique de Montreal held on Tuesday, May 14th, 1957, Dr. Maurice St. Martin, M.D., was re-elected as president and Nick Lagios was elected vice-president for the 1957-58 term.

Other officers elected were: Secretary, Yvon Hurtubise; treasurer, Roland Lauzon; directors, J. Calamatas, S. Pesetti, J. H. Robertson; director of the junior club, Jacques



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Cobden, Ontario, June, 1957.

WESTMOUNT ANNUAL

The annual general meeting of the
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K. G. W. Smith 1st vice-pres. and H. A. Dykerman 2nd vice-pres. R. J. Sutherland was elected honorary treasurer and L. R. Walker hon. secretary. Leon Bronstein was re-appointed sales manager.

This meeting concluded a most successful season for the club. Thirty-six meetings were held with average attendances of 48 per meeting. Highlights of the year were the exhibition held in October and the club's excellent showing at BYPEX. Members of the Westmount Stamp Club took five out of nine of the gold awards, two silver awards and six bronze awards, as well as five trophies, including the Ford Trophy for inter-club competition.

The Levine trophy presented annually to the member making the greatest contribution to philately was presented to E. B. Philip.



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The HOLLOW TREE

By Ed. Richardson

No. 372—Still More Quebec Tercentenary Cards

It was only one or two months ago, in packet No. 364, that we reported three new ones bringing the total up to twelve. And now we have still further additions, bringing the total now known to fifteen! We refer of course to the series of beautiful cards commemorating the Quebec Tercentenary, published by Valentine & Sons. The three new additions are:

13. Horizontal format.—“St. Louis Gate,—Quebec.”

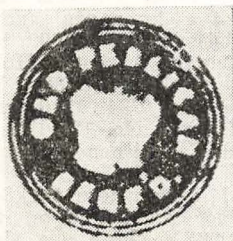
14. Horizontal format.—“Dufferin Terrace,—Quebec.”

15. Vertical format.—“Wolfe/Monument—& Montcalm's Quebec.”

And it was only a few months ago we thought we had the set complete when we had only eight!

No. 373—“Customs Seals” Markings Of Newfoundland

Refer to page 170 of Boggs' “Stamps of Newfoundland” and you will see illustrated a marking from “Main River” about which Boggs states “The Customs seal marking—occurs from Nardini's Crossing of that river and its status is still obscure. Further examples may throw light on it.”



Type I “Old Perlican” Similar to Boggs' “Customs Seal” marking.



Type II “Old Perlican” with no frame lines, and diff. crown design.

Illustrated herewith, are impressions made from some old cancellation devices of the Old Perlican, Newfoundland post office. Comparison with the illustration in Boggs will quickly show that the Type I above is exactly like the Biggs' type except for name of post office. Does this go to indicate that several early Newfoundland post offices had this type cancellation device? If so how were they used? Impressions from them appear to be rare or non-existent. Could the device have been used mainly for producing wax seals?

The above two impressions were sent in by Dr. Allan A. Wilkenson of Old Perlican, well known as an authority on the stamps and postal history of Newfoundland. Comments invited.

No. 374—Kentville, N.S. “K” Cancel

In Jarrett's 1929 BNA Catalogue, page 516 he illustrates several types of “K” cancels. Not all are identified as to the post office from which they originated. Type No. 1041 is a colorless “K” in the center of a solid background cork. I recently picked up one quite similar, the “K” is colorless, but the cork background, still round, has been cut into a number of times around the edges. Like No. 1041 it was used on the 2c purple numeral issue of 1898, only mine is on cover and used from

Kentville, N.S., July 28, 1899.

**No. 375—20c War Tax
Thick Overprint—A Fake**

In packet No. 331 we reported a copy of the 20c Admiral with a different type War Tax overprint, appearing to be handstamped, and the letters were thicker than normal. We asked if anyone could shed any light on it, and that perhaps it was a fake.

We can now report definitely that it was a fake, the handstamped overprint showing up under black light as being stamped over the cancel.

**No. 376—Newfoundland
“DO-X” Flight Cover**

There's never a year goes by that yours truly doesn't start some other BNA collection. During the past two years three of these were Newfoundland groups: 1. Postal Stationery, now complete; 2. Newfoundland Revenues, with still a lot of rarities missing, and 3. Newfoundland Booklets and Panes. Now I've started a fourth Newfoundland group, Airmail Covers, and this promises to be one of the toughest and most expensive yet! However I have been able to secure a number of nice items, the most recent of which was a DO-X Trans-Atlantic flight cover of May 19, 1932, franked with the \$1.50 DO-X airmail stamp. Cover is addressed to Liverpool, England, and is backstamped with addressee handstamp, May 26th.

You can expect more notes on Newfoundland Airmails from now on as a result of this new bug!

**No. 377—Alberta Holiday-With-Pay
Stamps—First Issue**

In packet No. 360 we reported that an earlier issue existed than was reported in an earlier packet (No. 355). This is the First Issue with the Coat of Arms at the top of stamp instead of being near the bottom.

I reported having only the \$2.00 value of this. I can now report that I have picked up a used block of eight of the \$1 values, Mint blocks of six of the 1c and 5c values, and singles of the 2c, 25c values. According to F. J. Folinsbee of B.C. there also exists the 10c and 50c values, so the complete set can now be reported as consisting at least of the following:

1c brown* 10c orange \$1 red-lilac*
2c green* 25c yellow* \$2 olive*
5c purple* 50c red

Those with an * I have seen and are in my own collection. All colors might be described as being in a pale shade, actually however this is more the result of the design rather than of the ink itself. It will be noted that the complete set consists of the same denominations and with the same colors as in the Second Issue.

**No. 378—“CA” (Canada) Consular
Overprints On The Fourth Scadta
Issue Of Columbia**

Way, way back in packet No. 19, in the March 1949 issue of P.S. we mentioned these fascinating issues. I note now that they have at long last been included by Sanabria in the Canadian airmail section of their 1957 edition of their catalogue. Now that they have been called to the attention of Canadian specialists in this manner, watch them disappear from the market! The only trouble is they are expensive items,—even back in 1949 a complete used set catalogued about \$424. It now catalogues \$572.

In the intervening years I have managed to fairly well complete my collection of these, having a nice used strip of three of the 10c value, cancelled Toronto, and a copy of the 15c on registered cover on combination with the 12c map stamp of the Canadian Confederation issue of 1927.

**BRITISH COLUMBIA
TELEPHONE FRANKS**

By Roy Wrigley

Holmes, 8th edition, lists TBC 11 (Marks T233) the 1909 black, on green (35x53 mm.) Of this stamp less than half a dozen are reported.

In the 2nd issue, dated 1909, black on green, Control A, listed Holmes No. 12, and Marks No. 233. Then Marks listed No. 234 1910 green, Control A. Holmes No. 12a lists the 1910 undated. Can either of these be confirmed?

In the 3rd issue where the \$ appears in place of the date, from 1910A to 1922SM these are signed by D. Farrell, President.

In the 4th issue from 1923SN the

lower panel is removed leaving the space blank.

Holmes does not list the 1923SN brown. Marks listed this, and it is authentic, as I have it in my collection. Holmes lists the 1923SO. Marks did not. Can this item be authenticated?

In Holmes No. 34 1931 blue, Marks No. 256 gives the correct designation of 1931WW.

Holmes lists TBCs1 in the 2nd issue??, Control A, and TBCs2 1910??, Control B. As these are considered non-existent, can any reader confirm these?

In the 5th issue starting with 1911 (small size) 5c B Control, orange, carries the Control number on a white panel, the 5c, 25c, and \$1 of 1911 Control is in blue, while from 1912-1955 red predominates. From 1911-1934 the Control letter advances from B to Z each succeeding year. From 1935-1956 Control letters and numbers advance from A to U each successive year.

In the Holmes, 8th edition, footnote at the end of listings referring two types before 1917-18, this would be simplified if on page 321, above 1920 following the note "Date in Color" you add "on white panel," as against the 1911-1919 issues "Date White, on Colored panel" notation.

The following additions bring the listings to date:

1944	5c black	J
	25c blue	J
	\$1 violet	J
1945	5c green	K
	25c red brown	K
	\$1 red	K
1946	5c violet	L
	25c brown	L
	\$1 blue	L
1947	5c orange	M
	25c green	M
	\$1 brown	M
1948	5c brown	N
	25c violet	N
	\$1 red	N
1949	5c orange	O
	25c green	O
	\$1 blue	O
1950	5c black	P
	25c orange	P
	\$1 green	P
1951	5c violet	Q
	25c red	Q
	\$1 brown	Q

1952	5c brown	R
	25c blue	R
	\$1 red	R
1953	5c violet	S
	25c green	S
	\$1 lemon	S
1954	5c brown	T
	25c red	T
	\$1 blue	T
1955	5c green	U
	25c orange	U
	\$1 violet	U
1956	5c black	V
	25c blue	V
	\$1 yellow	V

THE STOLID OX WAS SLOW

The Manitoba Gazette of March 1872 waxed indignant and critical of the stage company then bringing the mail. In an article in that issue they mention the mail "brought in the previous evening by a fiery untamed ox . . . the first they had had in two or three weeks." Apparently the mail delivery was irregular and uncertain. The Gazette figured the stage company was cutting corners to economize and wondered if the Government were to cut the subsidy to a one-ox capacity if a perceptible difference would not soon be visible. They said, in part:

"But even supposing that they are of necessity reduced to oxen,—that dogs cannot be had for love or money, that their horses are all dead or dying,—we still aver that they are not doing their best with the means they have at their disposal. A good ox can travel twenty-five miles a day easily, then why not have another wild bull of Basan to go on all night, so that even by this slow means of conveyance an average of fifty miles in the twenty-four hours could be obtained. The distance from Moorehead is some 300 miles, so that at that rate of progression we ought to get a mail every week, and with that, under the existing circumstances, our people would be satisfied."

"Observer" in October 1955 Sand-er's Philatelic Journal stated he had been shown a Canada Royal Visit stamp of 1951 with what appeared as a "tear-drop" variety below the Queen's left eye and wonders if it is constant.

BILESKI ALBUM AND CATALOGUE

The Bileski Canada Album, Basic Catalogue and check list, of which foreknowledge has been given for some time, is now available. This is the most pretentious of any of the Bileski Publications to date. It is a quality work both from the standpoint of useful information, excellent workmanship and de luxe stock used in its manufacture. Owners of a set of these can be quite proud in their possession.

The album consists of 83 sheets of Opaline Parchment card imported from Belgium. This album is distinct in itself through being organized to bring out the possibilities in collecting the various shades of many Canadian stamps. For instance the 10c Albert of the Province of Canada has a page laid out with spaces for the sixteen color shades of this particular stamp. Thus the collector who has never gone in for this interesting facet of collecting, possibly from a feeling that this is only for the expert and specialist will now have a ready made guide in this respect and can go on to greater enjoyment in his collecting possibilities.

Spaces for the stamps are arranged to best show off stamp, or groups of stamps or sets. There is no overcrowding and a minimum of descriptive print.

The whole is enclosed in a rich Vinyl covered binder with a leather-like appearance fitted with exclusive metal mechanism for quick insertion or removal of sheets. A slip cover comes with the binder.

To go with the Album is the Canada Basic Catalogue consisting of 28 sheets printed on polished Kromkote paper, slotted to fit the Canada basic album binder. This catalogue lists and describes visually every Canadian postage stamp issued. Illustrations are based on photographs of the exact stamp listed.

The stamp reproductions are items of beauty. They rival if not better the plates that accompanied the famous Howes Canada book of 1911, the previous de luxe plates of Canadian stamps.

Finally comes the Canada Basic Catalogue check list in this set of working tools of the collector of

Canadian stamps. It is a necessary adjunct to the Basic Catalogue.

This check list consists of 19 pages and prices all stamps illustrated in the pictorial guide in five basic categories, single mint, single used, block of four or strips of four in coils for both mint and used, and used on cover. There's also a section for priced pairs, imperforate pairs and booklet panes, etc. There are additional columns for the collector's use in checking off varieties, wants, etc. Opaline Parchment paper is used. A handy copy of the list is printed on bond paper for want list use by the collector.

Foregoing is but a brief description of these items. To summarize, one needs a binder for the album and a binder in which to house the catalogue and check list. Prices furnished by the publisher are:

Set of 83 album sheets \$8.50.

Vinyl binder for above \$5.00.

Set of 28 sheets for catalogue \$3.00.

Set of 19 sheets for check list \$2.00.

Same check list on bond paper \$1.00.

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FOUND OFFSET STAMPS

Stan Shantz, who conducts a stamp column in the London Free Press, recently reported a stamp find at Thedford, Ont., where a sheet of offset stamps turned up. The sheet concerned was the current two-cent Elizabeth which, when turned over, had the appearance of printing on the back. While of interest to specialists it cannot be termed an error. Mr. Shantz analyzes it as follows:

The offset actually is ink which this particular sheet picked up from the one immediately below it as it came off the press and before the ink on the previous sheet had dried. Regular printing routine avoids such a development. Normally sheets with an offset on the back are culled from a printing by inspectors but apparently this one was slipped by.

"I think it's disgusting that some comedians should earn twice as much as Cabinet Ministers."

"Oh, I don't know. Taking them as a whole, they are funnier."

CLEARANCE OFFERS OF MINT CANADA

Sc.#		Sc.#		Sc.#		Sc.#		MR3		.28
34	.15	146	.13	195-201	3.00	268	.14	MR5		.50
35	.30	147	.28	202	.45	274	.06		Coils	
50	1.85	148	.45	203	1.40	275	.06	123	used	1.35
51	.12	149	.06	204	.45	276	.06	124		1.50
53	.20	150	.04	208	.20	277	.06	125		.20
54	.85	152	.20	209	1.00	282	.05	126		.11
66	.10	153	.12	210	.30	283	.06	127		.50
68ng	.15	154oc	.17	211	.08	288	.08	128		.20
71	.90	155	.25	212	.07	289	.04	129		.14
72oc	.50	156	.28	213	.08	290	.08	130		1.25
74	.05	157	.50	214	.25	291	.06	131		.12
75	.20	162	.05	215	.28	292	.08	132		1.00
77a	.65	163	.06	216	1.10	293	.11	133		5.00
85	.45	164	.05	217	.04	311-4	.75	160		.90
87oc	.20	165	.06	218	.05	C1	.45	161		.25
90a pr.	1.20	166 I	.22	219	.07	C2	2.15	178		.38
96	.13	II	.06	220	.17	C3	.35	179		.20
97	.25	167	.06	221	.11	C4	.75	180		.10
98	.22	168	.20	222	.17	C5	.20	238		.08
102oc	3.75	169	.12	223	.20	C6	.18	239		.11
103oc	5.00	170	.12	224	.25	C7	.45	240		.12
104	.10	171	.45	225	.40	C8	.13	263		.07
105	.12	172	.20	226	1.10	C9	.12	264		.07
107	.08	173	.35	227	2.25	CE1	.25	265		.12
108	.10	174	.30	234	.20	CE2	.25	266		.09
109	.10	175	.50	236	.18	CE3	.50	267		.12
110	.37	177	4.75	237	.07	CE4	.30	278		.09
112	.20	184	.11	241	.19	E1	2.75	279		.25
112a	.20	190	.20	241a	.19	E3	.45	280		.12
114	.35	191 I	.15	242	.27	E6	.40	281		.14
115	.50	II	.10	244	1.10	E7	.28	295		.06
122	2.00	192	.05	245	2.60	E8	1.20	296		.11
136-7-8 pr		193	.20	246-7-8	.24	E9	.60	297		.04
	10.50	194	.50	249	.03	E10	.20	298		.09
140	.60	195 flat	.08	251	.08	E11	.20	299		.07
141	.12	196	.06	253	.25	J3	1.25	300		.22
142	.05	197	.07	256	.16	J6	.09	309		.06
143	.20	199	.15	258	.45	J7	.05	310		.11
144	.13	200	.38	259	.25	J9	.15	331		.10
145	.30	201	.60	261	1.10	J11-4	.50	332		.20
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RAMBLING GOSSIP

By Mufti

We were warned early about the short life of the Malta George Cross set, so had no excuse to miss ordering it from our new issue service supply. On sale for one week only gave cause enough for the heavy demand. News from London states it was very heavily subscribed for. The price of the set has already been raised for further supplies, which inclines one to suppose that the retail trade now has the supply.

The last issue to be, the Tangier overprinted commemorative of the Queen is considered a good set to have and put away, it may be one of those hard to get sets in a few months. A variety has been discovered by Mr. James Watson of Gibbons, London. The 9d stamp with the word Tangier missing from the bottom of the stamp.

Mr. F. E. Metcalfe of the Commonwealth Co. has given many of us something to think about, he states in "SC" that over half a million of the one cent Trinidad provisional were overprinted. It would seem that the extreme publicity given this stamp in the U.S.A. suggests the big end of the supply must have reached there and that the London market got the short end.

Collectors who are familiar with the work of Jean Sperati and his reproductions of some of the world's most valuable early issues, may be interested to know that he passed away in France late in April at the age of 73.

The 2/- Australian Antarctic stamp in large size is interesting with its pictured description of the territory concerned, this is only one of the proposed set to come and an advance guard of those to follow at a later date.

During latter weeks we have at last had some sets completed, this referring to Malta and the Jamaica issues.

Cheerio. May your summer months be happy ones.

Father: "I tell you, the man who gets my daughter gets a prize."

Suitor: "Indeed, sir; could I see it?"



EARLY CHRISTMAS SEAL

The above Christmas seal was found in an old stamp collection and brings a query to the writer.

Our information is that Christmas seals had their birth in Denmark in 1904 to assist in raising funds for a children's hospital. Next, they were used in the U.S. in 1907 to raise a small sum to keep solvent a private tuberculosis hospital in Delaware. From then until 1919 the Red Cross Society brought out Christmas seals in the U.S. The work became so big that the National Tuberculosis Association was then formed to carry on the work, but not until 1927 did the Canadian Association undertake to issue seals.

In the light of this the above Muskoka Hospital seal must have been a venture of the hospital itself. Can anyone offer any information on the subject? Were there earlier seals than the 1909-10 item illustrated? And later ones?

CANADA COLLECTORS' CHECKLIST

An interesting little booklet made its debut at Bypex in the "Canada Collectors' Checklist." Brought out by Saint Patrick's College High School Stamp Club, Ottawa, it is designed as a permanent record of the user's Canada Collection. It is of cariable size and can be easily slipped into the coat pocket. Introductory text on each page is designed for the average collector. Laid out to Scott's numbers in tabular form there are blank spaces for the user to check his possessions in mint or used with a column provided for other notes. Thus the user has readily available a record of what he has and what he needs in compact form. The checklist sells for \$1.00.

Say you saw it in Popular Stamps.

Buying at Auction

Last month we received a critical letter from a reader on the matter of buying stamps at auction through mail bidding. He mentions buying stamps in such manner which didn't live up to his expectation re condition. Again he paid \$5.00 for a stamp that he could have purchased from a dealer for \$3.25. And another time bid on mint stamps that turned out to have no gum when he received them. Or paid as much for a used item as is being asked for the same item in mint condition. All in all he concludes there is no saving in buying by auction and that it is not worth the bother for a collector to send in bids.

We cannot publish his letter in full but will comment on it.

I suppose a common conclusion about an auction is that bargains are to be had at such an event. This is fostered in the matter of public auction of household effects where quick disposal is desired to close an estate, or unburden a householder who is changing residence to a distant point and wishes to avoid transporting his chattels. In such a sale bargains may occur. In fact some people attend them with that expectation their sole purpose.

So we expect bargains at stamp auctions. I believe such can happen at stamp auctions as well as other auctions, but I think you have to be a floor bidder, have had a preview of lots offered, and know stamps well enough to recognize a bargain when it's offered.

The mail bidder here is at a disadvantage. He hasn't seen the stamps or wares offered, but has to rely on catalog description. In submitting a mail bid he can be influenced in two ways, one, a desire for a certain (probably scarce item) at or better than market price, or if a bargain hunter—will, guess at the value of the goods to him and bid at what he thinks is a bargain price—and if not overbid by someone, gets the item.

Probably the fascination of buying competitively attracts people to buy at auction. The same competitive spirit will also influence some to bid an item up beyond its value to keep

the other fellow from getting it. So you can get a bargain some times, and you can outbid someone else just to beat him and the price is no object in that event.

If the auction is all mail bids your competition is all on an equal basis. If the sale is mail bids plus floor competition then the floor bidder has the advantage of seeing the goods he is bidding on, but he has the lost time of attending the sale; probably considerable transportation costs and he will want to make this up by buying as shrewdly as he can. As regards the mail bidder it has only cost him a 5c postage stamp, and this should enable him to make a fair, competitive bid.

The floor bidder may know there is a mail bidder—but not his bid. Auctioneers either get their starting bid from the floor or to start the bidding quote a price under the mail bidder's offer.

As regards goods received by the mail bidder which he thinks are not in the condition they should be he should refer to the rules governing the sale. Here he will find listed the conditions on which the goods can be returned.

This business of condition, however, seems a controversial matter to both collector and dealer. The standard seems to vary. What's one's idea of condition may not be another's. By and the large the condition as described by any reputable auction house generally is fair and acceptable.

But if you're not attracted by the fascination of competitive buying, by all means choose yourself a good dealer and buy piece by piece. Not everyone has the temperament, patience or skill to make good auction buyers. Probably you've got to have a bit of the gambling spirit before indulging.

JUST TOO BAD !

"How old are you Bobby?" asked the visitor.

"Oh, I'm just at that awkward age."

"Really," said the visitor, "And just what do you consider the awkward age?"

"Well," said Bobby, "I'm too old to cry and too young to cuss."

C CATALOGUE

visual section five ways; singles mint, singles used, blocks of four mint, blocks of four used and on covers. Prices also minor varieties and errors. Ample room left to record any other specialty followed by the collector.

Both collectors and dealers will find the Canada Basic Catalogue easy to use. Stamps can be identified very rapidly.

The Canada Basic Album is also available. Provides spaces for the 807 varieties illustrated in the Canada Basic Catalogue.

CANADIAN STAMPS

Selections based on Canada Basic Cat. available on approval on request. Collections running in value from \$10.00 to \$5,000.00 also on hand and at times the great rarities. At present have a very fine 12d on WOVE paper used on cover, very likely the only copy of this rarity on the market anywhere in the world. Several 12d on laid paper also on hand.

At all times am in the market to purchase collections and stocks of Canadian stamps, other than packet material. Summer and winter I have a travelling representative who will go to any part of Canada or the U.S.A. to meet collectors and inspect worthwhile properties. Correspondence invited.

FOREIGN STAMPS

Still have large accumulations also in buying Canadian collections, inevitably good foreign collections, sets and better single stamps are also purchased. All are cleared out at low prices. Suggest a \$10.00 "catch all" assortment very well worth several times the price. Larger groups at \$30.00, \$100.00, \$500.00, \$1000.00 or more, also can be assembled. Indicate main interests.

Project No. 1

Certain Canadian stamps require further study. The first project deals with the 1868 Large Head 1c and 3c on LAID paper. A loan of all copies that may be in your collection most welcome. Pack securely and send by REGISTERED post. All stamps are fully insured from the time they are put in the mail till delivered back to the sender, through a blanket policy with the Union Insurance Society of London, England. Some quite valuable information is already on hand and all co-operating will receive this, along with prompt return of the stamps. Complete data of these two will be released to all users of the Canada Basic Catalogue very likely within one year.

WHAT'S A VALUABLE STAMP

Junior, under 10, not yet on a stipulated weekly allowance, who earns a dime now and then doing errands to the corner store, Aunt Julie's or to grandma's, shows you a stamp in his budding collection and proudly exclaims: "That one catalogs 25c." That's a valuable stamp to him!

Teenager, with the old man committed to a weekly allowance and a bit of a pick-up by delivering parcels after school and on Saturdays for Jones' Shopping Center tells you: "There's a stamp that cost me a buck!"

Collegian feels proud with his 3d Beaver at \$6.00.

Later he graduates, has a nice salary, and forgets stamp collecting for dating the girls.

In course of time he marries the girl, puts in a few years raising a family and spending his evenings at home. Comes a time when the kids grow up and use less of his time. Gotta have something to do to take up the slack! It's stamps again. You've got used to being home nights and wouldn't have it otherwise. You were never much for wandering around. Perhaps you could spend ten dollars a month getting those missing link unattainables for your discarded boyhood collection.

Thus a dedicated stamp collector is born.

What's the value of a stamp? Depends on your income. It's always the one that is just at the limit of your income possibility. It's an urge like that of the fellow drawn to the gambling tables at Las Vegas, or placing two bucks on the nose of the filly at the horse races.

Successful big businessman or top flight executive! They're all the same. Henry had three cars in the garage. His favorite stamp dealer delivered his monthly lot of new issues, \$40.00 in one thin glassine envelope. As the cheque passed hands he remarked: "George, I'll have to cut down on my stamp buying. This blasted Federal budget has just put my income tax up \$700.00 a month. The wife and daughter will have to leave their cars in the garage, too."

The president of a big business outfit was dated to show his prize B.N.A. collection to a stamp club in

a distant city. One album contained two dozen 12d blacks. Awed by this wealthy display, one club member asked, "Mr. Blank, how do you safeguard your collection when you're carrying it with you?"

The reply: "Well, when I got off the train today I spent a dime for one of those lockers at the Union Station and put my collection in it. Before I came up to the club here I gave my chauffeur the key to go down and get it for me."

Who got the biggest kick out of his stamps, Junior with his 25c cat. value stamp or the millionaire with his \$25,000 B.N.A. array?

They both had their thrill. Value after all is relative. It's not always the monetary worth that counts but the joy of possession, the chase for the prize, the amount of real heart-warming pleasure it gave. First you've got to have the collecting instinct, but not many lack that.

FOR BEGINNERS

Sooner or later you're going to collect other items than postage stamps. Probably the different slogans you see on your letters from towns and cities where such are used will attract you. When they do don't do as some have—just collect the slogan—but collect the stamp, slogan and date circle on each item. Ten or fifteen years later these date stamps inform you in just what year it was in use. You see the size 2"x4" for cut squares as the recommended dimensions. Four inches long is about the minimum length you would want, but personally I don't stick to the two-inch depth, if cutting it a bit less gets away from including a portion of the address which detracts from the appearance of the item. I may be wrong as regards the future saleability of these items, but that's the way I like them myself.

It's also worth considering to save stamps showing dated cancels or railway cancels. You won't find too many of them. Some day you may want a sideline and an accumulation of these stamps may be the answer. But I suppose all collectors pick up various miscellany connected with postal affairs. If you don't, you should.

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From Sixty-Five Years Ago

Editor's Note:—The foregoing article was printed in "The Canadian Philatelist", London, Ont., in 1892. This well written offering, by a writer signing only as "J. C.", is as well worth reading today as it was sixty-five years ago.

STAMP COLLECTING

By J. C.

Why have you such a craze on this subject? Is it for amusement, or instruction, or profit, in a pecuniary point of view? This is a question often asked. Some stamp magazines have been printing stories of wonderful finds of valuable stamps, by which the heavily mortgaged homestead was redeeming, and recommending the pursuit for the sole purpose of making money. But this is a belittling of the work of the philatelist. Let no young people engage in this work with that idea, but let no parent or guardian discourage the young stamp collector. It is a great thing to have some object, some interest in life, and every scrap of useful knowledge gained is like the ever widening circle from a pebble thrown into a pool of water, we know how far it may result or be useful in the future in far different pursuits. It is well to see young people interested in such a harmless occupation. And what is gained? the powers of observation are developed, trained, strengthened, habits of neatness are cultivated, memory improved, knowledge of countries, their history, their sovereigns, coins, flags, and stores of historical lore gained. The knowledge of geography obtained by the boy or girl collector is wonderful. The vast German empire now with one stamp, where some years ago its kingdoms, duchies, free towns, had each one a separate stamp. And now we have United Italy, with the head of Humbert, where formerly were the stamps of Sardinia, Naples, Sicily, Tuscany.

How strange that from Atlantic to Pacific our Queen's head stamps has replaced the different stamps of the provinces, with their variety of codfish, beaver, Jacques Cartier, ships, Prince of Wales, Prince Albert. And south of us how are we reminded of that terrible time of tears and blood,

when the nation was almost rent asunder, as we look at the Confederate stamps and contrast its pale tint with the carmine of today. In Spain too during the time that our Victoria has sat unmoved on her throne, what different faces do we find, Queen Isabella, Amadeus, Alfonso, the baby king, and those grim looking Carlist heads.

Who as a British subject, or indeed as the subject of any country, can fail to be impressed with the extent of that empire on which the sun never sets, on seeing so frequently recurring on the pages of his album, that serene face of majesty on the stamps of islands, dotting the sea, east and west and north and south.

There is no doubt that in Canada the pursuit of Philately has taken many strides forward in the last year, and the "Canadian Philatelist" has done much in this direction, with the publication of the handbooks, giving accurate information in so many points, information which is very valuable, for there are many false ideas with regard to the value of stamps. What exaggerated ideas have some, thinking anything old must necessarily be valuable. With what an air have stamps been presented to us, as if rare, which were absolutely valueless. The collector often meets with much disappointment, from the want of close powers of observation in those whom he asks for help, often finding what was promised as a great treasure of no use whatever. Sometimes however the reverse is the case, and the collector is agreeably surprised in coming unexpectedly on a treasure indeed.

And what strange stories are brought up by many stamps in our collection. Turning over the stamp albums of our friends is a source of great amusement, each collection having some choice stamp, valueless when placed there, but now not to be replaced by purchase or in any other way. Lately I saw several fourpence and sixpence vermilion stamps of Newfoundland, pasted down solid, and perhaps just as well, for the owner was quite ignorant of their value. Here is a stamp from Hayti which will always bring back the

thought of what was almost a tragedy. It was given to me still damp from half an hour's saturation in the waters of Lake Ontario, while ten persons clung to a sail boat, upset in sight of the Stars and Stripes on one side of the river and the Union Jack on the other. What thoughts must have gone through their minds during the suspense when death seemed so near. Here is a Canadian sixpence sent me by a friend in Scotland, preserved through many vicissitudes. Here is a new bright one cent U. S. 1857 found in a book which had been lying for thirty yeears in a trunk unused, the young wife who intended to use it has been in her grave for all these years and the daughter who never saw her mother comes unexpectedly upon this reminder. Here is a stamp from Turk's Island which always brings up the thought of a beautiful bouquet made entirely of shells from that shore, the ingenuity and delicacy with which the tiny shells were adapted for buds, petals, leaves, sprays being wonderful. Here is a Siam stamp, originally in a letter from a young lady missionary who goes as a bride but soon came a telegram of her death, but still came the regularly written letters weekly for a month. Oh the pathos of it, we almost doubt in such a case the benefit of the submarine cable.

An eight cent Canadian register came to my hands the other day, all that I had previously seen were uncanceled, but this came on a letter, the eight cents to stand for five cent registration and the three cents for the postage; it bears the mark of cancelling.

My British Columbia stamps remind me of wonderful stories of adventure, endurance, hardships, persevering hard work at the mines when the four hundred miles to Cariboo had to be trudged on foot. The letters all came by way of San Francisco, and sometimes a valuable B. C. stamp has been found covered up by a U. S. stamp.

But enough has been said to show in point of interest, for information, amusement, formation of good habits, sentiment, a collection of postage stamps need not be dispised.

SPECIALIZING IN MILITARY POSTMARKS

Lt.-Col. R. H. Webb, of Ottawa, winner of a C.P.S. trophy and silver award at Bypex for a display of Military Postmarks on envelopes handled by Canadian postal personnel with UNEF, is following up the study in his spare time to cover World Wars I and II which some day may result in a comprehensive pamphlet on the subject.

Although his post-war collection is virtually complete, one postmark at least has eluded Lt.-Col. Webb. It's one bearing the cancellation CAPO 5002 used when the 2nd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry first landed in Korea in 1950.

He has in his possession about 50 percent of the cancellations denoting military post offices in Canada during the Second World War.

Although many of the postmarks in his collection appear identical to the uninformed, each has its own story to tell and Lt.-Col. Webb is an eager listener.

For example, letters bearing the postmark "CFPO 34" were mailed from the Canadian Field Post Office in Naples by troops on their way to the Middle East. A letter postmarked "CAPO 5048" also was cancelled at Naples, but "CAPO 5049" or "CFPO 35" on a postmark indicates the letter was mailed from the Canadian Army Post Office or Canadian Field Post Office at Abu Suweir, Egypt.

Letters posted by Army personnel aboard HMCS Magnificent en route to the Middle East display the "Royal Canadian Navy Mail I" postmark, CFPO 34 or 35 and/or the UN postmark, depending upon whether the mail was off-loaded at Port Said or Naples.

Now Deputy Director of Administration at Army Headquarters, Lt.-Col. Webb has been a Regular Army officer since 1933 when he was commissioned in the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery.

A graduate of Royal Military College, he is a member of the Ottawa Philatelic Society. A stamp collector since the age of nine it is only recently he decided to specialize in military postmarks.

CANADA JOTTINGS

By Will Eye

"Behold the turtle—he makes progress only when his neck is out."

No. 13—Droppel 'G' Variety—2c Green Revised

The variety of the misplaced 'G' on the 10c Fur is well-known and bears out the fact that either more than one plate was used for overprinting the large values, or that the overprinting plate was shifted to place the 'G' in the most convenient place on each stamp. On the 2c olive 1951 the pair we have seen had the one stamp with the 'G' on the right side about half way down (the normal position) while the other 'G' was down touching the bottom of the stamp on the right side. Presumably the cliché for this 'G' had slipped out of place. Can anyone else report similar copies on this or any other official stamp?

No. 14—White Plate Block Catalog Sold Out within two months.

The new edition (3rd) of the Plate Block Catalogue is reported sold out—vivid evidence to the growth in activities in the plate block field. There were outstanding increases in many items, but in spite of this many items are still priced below current 'market' particularly in the officials, (which is inevitable in a fast rising market since it takes time to have such a catalogue drawn up and printed). Noted in Sissons last auction a plate block of O27 brought \$75 (cat. \$60); also note Canada Stamp Co. have an O27 plate block in their 30-31 May auction so will report on this and the O9 plate in same auction as soon as results are received.

No. 15—Prices—Canada Market

I enjoyed reading very much Dr. Holmes comments in his review of 1957 Scott's in January 1957 P.S.

6p WOVE—I think probably the reason the 6p wove (Scott No. 4) is in such great demand and brings for example the same or a higher price than the 6d laid (which had a printing of 100,000 against 250,000 for the wove) is because of its various shades and papers which the specialists need to complete their collections—1 or 2 of the laid is sufficient but 8-12 of the wove is necessary to

show the basic shades and papers.

Imperfs.—Since none of these were regularly issued we feel Scott's should drop them all from the standard catalogue. They can then be listed in the proposed BNA Specialized catalogue (which we hear is still under study but no nearer the publication stage) under heading of proofs or printer's waste.

PORT HOOD Provisionals—We heartily agree with Dr. Holmes that these two items should be dropped out of the catalogue entirely. It has been proven there was not any need for such bisects—the postmaster had on hand not only the regular 2c stamps but also the 2c Map stamps which had just been issued and could have received new supplies from Halifax within a half day or a day at most. Yes, there was a distribution depot at Halifax—do not know who started the story that the stamps would have to come from Ottawa.

2c Imperf. Admiral No. 137

It is indeed ridiculous to find this stamp priced higher than the 1c imperf., as both were issued in equal quantities and were all sold to collectors (which is an important consideration as it means they would both be equally saved and available today) and they were sold only through the Philatelic Agency at Ottawa. It is obvious a 'corner' was attempted on the 2c and even today there are three or four people sitting on large holdings of this stamp—thus artificially maintaining a higher price, but eventually it will adjust itself to the same price as the 1c as these holdings are dispersed. Also you should not be overly deceived by the seemingly small quantities printed of these 1c, 2c, 3c imperf. stamps—these were all sold to collectors and would probably be the equivalent of an issue of 5,000,000 or more issued in the normal manner for public distribution as very few of these arrive in the hands of collectors as collectable copies.

Have a good and restful summer and remember to send along some interesting material for Popular Stamps. Do not hoard your information but share it with others.

A hick town is one that has no place to go that you shouldn't.

TAKING CARE OF STAMP ACCUMULATIONS

During the past year we have handled a good many collections, Herman Herst Jr. writes in the house organ he publishes for the edification of his customers.

Some of the collections, he writes, were mediocre, some average and a few exceptional. But, he confides, the ones which stand out in his mind are not remembered for their contents nor their value but for the way they were arranged.

The recollection, he adds wryly, is not a pleasant one.

With this preface the Shrub Oak professional continues:

"Stamp collecting, among other things, is supposed to teach neatness. Certain it is that most collectors do take a feeling of pride in their possessions, and that they do attempt to obtain a sense of orderliness in arranging their possessions. But what they do with their duplicates, their unsorted material, and their accumulations is often a shocking thing . . . shocking because such a mass of material, even though it may have considerable value, is in no shape for display or sale.

"Whether we face up to it or not, the most virtuous of us will never get out of this world alive. All of us hope "some day" to get our philatelic belongings sorted out, but too often the time that we should use for sorting, we spend accumulating more.

"It's not a problem until our family or friends, often without any philatelic knowledge themselves, are given the job of disposing of what we have left behind, and then the trouble comes.

"As any dealer can tell you, a neatly arranged collection, with each stamp in its place in the album or even sorted into stock books will in every case bring a better price than the exact same stamps stuffed into

envelopes or stockbooks.

"Speaking of envelopes, just why some collectors will jam their treasures into old paper envelopes, pill boxes or cigar boxes with glassine envelopes selling for a fraction of a cent is something that is difficult to understand.

"Time is the most valuable commodity of any stamp dealer. A collection of stamps may be worth \$500, and if it can be figured, broken down and put into stock in two or three hours, it will bring its fair price. But if that same \$500 worth of stamps requires an investment of twelve to twenty hours of labour to do the same work, it is fairly evident that

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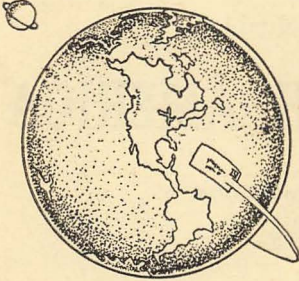
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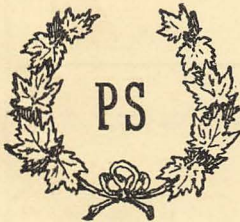
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